### CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

# Floor Covering







## Do You Like...

... building things?

... solving problems?

... working with your hands?

... being part of a team?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Floor Covering** career training program.

### **SKILLS**

# Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a floor covering installer, including:

- » Laying out and installing different types of flooring according to blueprints, shop drawings, and manufacturer's specifications.
- » Reading blueprints to estimate the amount of material needed to complete a job.
- » Cleaning, scraping, and sanding base surfaces to prepare them for new covering.
- » Cutting flooring material to specifications.
- » Creating and finishing flooring patterns with laminate, wood, and other materials.
- » Learning how to use equipment such as levels, power tools, and respirators.
- » Inspecting final surfaces to ensure they are firm and dry.

### **EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS**

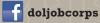
# While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

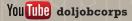
- » Integrity
- » Careful observation skills
- » Reliability
- » Safety and monitoring skills

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a floor covering installer, including having:

- » Strong math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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### **CREDENTIALS**

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), and National Plastering Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), can earn a certificate of completion that offers apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.

### **CAREER OPTIONS**

Most Floor Covering graduates work for construction contractors. Floor covering installers usually work full-time hours during normal day shifts, but many may work weekends depending on the deadlines of construction projects.

#### SALARY

The average starting salary for most floor covering installers is \$35,000/year.

\*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit www.mynextmove.org.





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